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FOR WHOM TOLLS THE BELL?

AN ANALYSIS OF THE EXISTENTIAL CRISIS FOR SOUTH AFRICA

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In the past few issues of the SA Observer, we have outlined the profound crisis facing us as a nation. In fact, this has been a recurring theme throughout the history of the journal, since it was founded in 1955. We have consistently shown what would be the inevitable results of misguided government policy and, unfortunately, have generally been proved correct. Twenty-one years ago, in the March 1972 issue of the SAO, this was already clear. The editorial titled, "Vorster's Chickens Now Coming Home to Roost", described the symptoms then evident, which today have grown into a full-blown cancer, posing an immediate challenge to the very existence of the White man in South Africa.

"With Mr Vorster as Prime Minister, the liberal establishment is effectively in control of the National Party's policy-making machine. The new-rich Afrikaners are more and more usurping the functions of the true leaders and tone-setters of their people. Cracks are everywhere appearing in the wall of apartheid. Afrikanerdom is in turmoil. Deadly commercialism has taken firm root amongst the people. Harry Oppenheimer today controls almost the entire economic and financial respiration of the country at will. And he is now well-placed, once his outward policy gets fully into its stride, to gain political control of all Southern Africa as well.

"What then of our future as a White nation? The issue is very simple: Do we keep our White nation and our sovereignty, or do we lose them? Will we, the White people of South Africa, retain our destiny in our own hands, or will we surrender our White nation and our sovereignty to the liberals and the mighty financial interests here and abroad, including Harry Oppenheimer -- whose ultimate aim is nothing less than the obliteration of the concept of nations, and their substitution by an international socialist "One World Order" controlled by the United Nations and International Finance?"

Dedicated to Truth

Throughout the years, the SA Observer has been an unwelcome reminder to false Afrikaner leaders that their actions have been incompatible with the survival of the White nation in South Africa. We have been a driving force in the growth of the Right-wing resistance. Our loyal readers have been an integral part of this movement.

Today, the crisis we warned against is coming to pass, abruptly and suddenly. The death of the White nation, including the Afrikaner, is being planned and executed, openly and brazenly, by virtually all political organisations, while White resistance is confused and demoralised. We are right in the middle of an existential crisis, more dangerous than at any time in our history.

The way out is dark and obscure, and we cannot offer any exciting plan or miraculous scheme to get us out of it. But we can sketch clearly how we got into this mess to start with. The mistakes made have been made before in our history, but we have never learned from them. *Only by going back to root causes can we get off the dead-end track of futile party political bickering, and back on the road of national survival and rebirth.*

We at the SA Observer see it as our duty to tell you the Truth, no matter how unpleasant. What we have to say here may give offence in certain cases, and may call into question cherished hopes and beliefs. This is the hard choice we have to face. If you cannot face these facts, we recommend that you do not read this article.

Critical historical juncture

We are at a juncture in our history now, where the foundations of our nation have been swept away, and we are forced to face the Truth, in all its harshness. We don't need to go into the details of the crisis -- the criminality, the destruction of our sovereignty, corruption, sweeping demographic changes, hostile foreign powers and treason at the highest level of government. That has all been dealt with elsewhere, and we can regard it as common knowledge among our informed readers.

What is to come can also be predicted with reasonable certainty, based on past experience in Africa. We have a large country, rich in raw materials of interest to outside powers. We have a multiplicity of Black tribes who hate each other as much as they hate us. We have strong armed forces manned mainly by Blacks of dubious loyalty, with a high command determined to crush any effective White resistance. We have an economy in precipitous decline, with rampant unemployment and misery, and large-scale squatting. And above all, we have a government of traitors, dedicated to imposing a communist one-party dictatorship before they skip the country.

Similar to Angola

All in all, South Africa's profile fits that of Angola in 1975. Angola was most similar to South Africa of all countries turned over to Black rule in recent times. It was immensely wealthy -- one of the richest countries in Africa. It was a major food exporter and contributed large amounts to the Portuguese Treasury.

It also had a large White and semi-White population and a strong military presence. When the communists took over the government in Portugal in the 1974 coup, they immediately set about disarming the local Portuguese in Angola. This was carried out forcibly by the Army, which was 'just doing its job' and 'carrying out orders'.

The new Portuguese governor, the 'Red Admiral' Roso Coutinho, instituted a reign of terror against White nationalists, and installed the communist MPLA in power in Luanda. This is very similar to what the NP regime is now planning, in its effort to bring the ANC to power in Pretoria. The internecine tribal hatreds in Angola inevitably boiled over into a power struggle that continues to this day, with no sign of respite.

South African troops who were first into Angola in the abortive invasion in 1976, have described the carnage in vivid detail. First to greet them was the stench -- rotting corpses lay everywhere. All the shops had been plundered and burned. Debris was piled up everywhere. The power supply was out, and water supply and sewage disposal had ceased. Sewage oozed out of manholes into the streets. No longer pumped, it was drawn back by gravity, and oozed out of toilets into all the houses and apartments.

End of Liberal Dream

In this way, the bogus liberal dream of peaceful coexistence and economic interdependence, came to a sudden end in the tropical heat of Angola. The Whites were massacred and driven pell mell out of the country. Angola became a battleground for opposing power interests, and a testing ground for modern weapons. The incredible suffering of the Blacks who were supposed to reap the fruits of 'liberation' are now there for all to see, along with the results of 'free and fair elections', Africa-style.

The parallels with our current situation are compelling. Of course the 'National' Party herd, and the masses befuddled by the flickering screen, will never learn from history. They can be counted on, with absolute certainty, to blunder blindly into the fate their masters have planned for them. But we, who have the benefit of spiritual freedom, would do well to learn from the fate of the unfortunate Portuguese, and of the Black society with which they tried to share power.

The reforms, the integration, the constitutional conferences held before 1974 in Angola, have been dealt with elsewhere. They bear a depressing similarity to what is now happening in South Africa, so we can safely gloss over them. What has not been dealt with, is the involvement of the South African government under then-Prime Minister John Vorster, in the debacle.

The 1974 coup in Portugal followed hot on the heels of the visit to Mozambique, as the guest of the Portuguese Army, of Vorster's secret service supremo, General Hendrik van den Bergh. Van den Bergh later boasted of how he had been flown all over the country, and had then convinced his hosts that the war was unwinnable, and that they should withdraw. This was after the SA government for several years had secretly destabilised and undermined the Portuguese in every possible way, and made their position untenable.

The fall of Angola and Mozambique was a catastophe for South Africa. It shattered the geopolitical unity of Southern Africa, which had stood as a White bulwark against the chaos and misery of the rest of the continent. Apart from the moral depravity of inflicting this fate on fellow Whites, it severely weakened South Africa strategically, and rendered the fall of Rhodesia and South West Africa -- now to be followed by South Africa itself -- 'inevitable'.

Curse of the Renegade

Ah, how often we have to hear that word -- 'inevitable' -- from the mouths of well-meaning conservatives, as they seek ways to excuse their acquiesence in actions contrary to our national interest. Some of these conservatives, who were closely involved in the sell-out of Angola, Mozambique and Rhodesia, later baulked when they saw the 'inevitable' results their actions would have on South Africa.

Despite breaking away from the NP to form their own opposition party in 1982, they still went along with the subsequent sell-out of South West Africa, which had also by then become 'inevitable', and in which they had earlier acquiesced when still in government. And now we see these same conservative opposition leaders, 'bowing to the inevitable' and lending legitimacy by their presence to the 'National' Party's illegal, unconstitutional and farcical 'negotiating' circus as a run-up to handing over South Africa itself to the forces of chaos.

The bell of history is now tolling for the Afrikaner, and we have now no alternative but to face the reality of the darker side of his nature. Throughout his history, he has been plagued by internecine strife and treason. While many look back on the misty past, whether the Boer Republics or Verwoerd's Republic, as a Golden Age, history shows a different picture.

In his record of the Boer War, 'Three Years' War', General Christiaan de Wet catalogued the treason and indiscipline of the Boers that led to their defeat. When Lord Roberts invaded the Orange Free State in April 1900, he ordered his troops to destroy the large supplies of grain on the Boer farms. This grain was vital to the war effort. Lord Roberts had it destroyed, ***"on the advice of unfaithful burghers."***

Concentration Camps

Some months later, Roberts was replaced as Commander-in Chief by Lord Kitchener. A confidential memorandum circulated soon thereafter, outlining his proposed methods: *"All possible measures shall be taken to stop the present guerrilla warfare. One measure which has been strongly recommended...is the removal of all men, women and children and natives from the districts which the enemy's bands presently occupy.* ***This course has been pointed out by surrendered burghers, who are anxious to finish the war, as the most effective method of limiting the endurance of the guerrillas."***

Thus was born the policy of scorched earth and concentration camps for the civilian population. We note from Kitchener's communique, that this policy to destroy the Boers originated within the ranks of the Boers themselves. The advice given by renegade Boers, not only in this case, but also in terms of military strategy and tactics and vital battlefield intelligence, was the decisive factor in the British winning the war, after three cruel years of slaughter.

The concentration camps are still held up as examples of the suffering of the Boers. But even here we find a strange anomaly. The most hated and feared camp commandants were themselves renegade Boers. For instance, at the large camp in Irene, the superintendent from February 1900 was an Afrikaner by the name of NJ Scholtz.

According to the famous Boer War nurse, Hansie van Warmelo, he was

inexperienced and insensitive. *"Being an Afrikaner, he was unable to command the respect of the people in his charge. He ruled the camp with the bluster and petty-mindedness of a tin-pot tyrant. Among one's own people,"* she wrote, *"there is no-one more inhumane or merciless than a renegade Afrikaner."*

That Britain fought the Boer War not for her own interests, but in the service of International Finance, was recognised even by her leaders at the time, such as General Buller. The atrocities were placed to England's account, but the spoils of war went to the financiers. This is historical fact, tragic to Boers and English alike.

Modern traitors

But some of those who point an accusing finger at the English today, are themselves no better. The Afrikaner Establishment, under the direction of the likes of Anton Rupert, the inebriate John Vorster, Hendrik van den Bergh, Piet Koornhof and the De Klerks, have become the willing servants of International Finance. They sowed destruction across Southern Africa, at a handsome profit. And now that all the rest has been plundered, they are sinking their claws into South Africa itself.

The people who have wrought the destruction of the Afrikaner, and thereby of the whole White nation in South Africa, have been renegade Afrikaners, then as now. The foreign masters have changed. But the motivation remains the same -- seething hatred of one's own kind, and the worship of Mammon. Being well-rewarded, today's Afrikaner renegades generally fail to heed the old wisdom, that the enemy loves their treason, but does not love the traitor.

1948 Election Promises

The National Party came to power in 1948 on a platform of total separation of the races. This was recognised as the only possible guarantee of peace. The NG Church led the field in demanding this. The promise was never put into effect. It was watered down, first as 'baasskap', then as 'apartheid', until it became under John Vorster and his successors merely an instrument to enrich the Money Power at the expense of the White taxpayer and worker.

What it meant in practice was that the public did not become alarmed at the huge-scale importation of Blacks from neighbouring states, who were little more than wage-slaves on the mines. The mines made the profits, with a small part going to the State as taxes, while Whites had to pay the social and moral costs. Whites were taxed to the hilt to pay for Black homelands, Black social care, education, etc. -- while being encouraged to tighten their belts and lower their birth rate. Effective opposition was stifled by assuring the public that these Blacks were aliens who would never become legal residents or citizens of South Africa.

White South Africa was saddled with the moral burden of a system of exploitation which did not benefit them, but rather made the mine-lords and financiers rich beyond belief. Do unto others as others have done unto you. The corrupt Afrikaner elite did unto the Blacks as the English had done unto their hardier forebears. Along the way, they sealed the doom of White Rhodesians, the Portuguese in Angola and Mozambique, and Germans and their own flesh and blood fellow-Afrikaners in South West Africa. And White South Africa as well, of course. The end justifies the means. Mammon above all.

Vorster marketed his version of apartheid as a means to safeguard White South Africa. The result was the direct opposite. He, and ministers like Piet Koornhof, managed to engineer one of the most awesome Black population explosions in the history of the world. In the 1950s, one talked of the Black population of 5 million. Today in South Africa we have over 5 million illegal Black immigrants alone! This is the legacy of 'apartheid' left by 'Right-wing' John Vorster and his successors.

Nor have the Blacks benefited in terms of their quality of life. While some have grown wealthy, the vast majority live in squalor, with the whole fabric of their society in tatters. Their traditional life and traditional leaders are no more. In their place are two generations of unemployable brutalised thugs. Brave New South Africa! The Black thugs of the ANC and the White thugs of the NP, jointly seizing dictatorial power under a perfumed cloud of morality and 'social justice'. In the service of International Finance. How sickening!

Escape from the dead-end!

What can one say? All these things were made possible under the old constitution, which still paid lip service to Western values. What to expect from the new dispensation? Ask any Angolan. The essence of our dilemma is that our situation is critical, while our leadership has been effectively neutralised by government infiltration, gullibility, moral weakness and confusion. We are at the end of the road of Democracy. We have walked the path of futile debate, of immaterial by-elections, of lost referendums, of phony in-fighting, of lies, betrayal and cowardice. That road is a dead-end. What lies beyond is the abyss of national suicide.

It is clear that the days of complex multiracial solutions are also over. Any federal or confederal dispensation would lead in short order to White suicide. The only way out lies in excising the cancer of the traitors within Afrikaner ranks, and in total separation. Their destiny and ours are different. But how we are to achieve that now, is quite unknown. In 1948 it would have been much easier, if NP leaders had not compromised then, to accommodate the financiers and mine bosses. Perhaps only the wisdom of desperation can find the way out now?

Leave the bourgeois Right-wing political parties to play in their sand pit. As long as they don't make too much noise, no-one will bother them. They can play house, or 'Mommy and Daddy', or they can strut around and play 'War'. Just don't take them too seriously, because none of them have answers in the face of the gathering storm. The tide of history will sweep them away like chaff. How sad about all the missed opportunities and the waste of time and energy of well-meaning people.

All we can advise at this stage is for individual preparedness. When the storm breaks, there will be no food in the shops, no water in the tap, no electricity, and no police to protect you. The banks will be closed and your money nearly worthless. Prepare as best you can. The bell is tolling for the sleeping masses. Will it also toll for thee?

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The money power preys upon the nation in times of peace and conspires against it in times of adversity. It denounces as public enemies, all those who question its methods or throw light upon its crimes. -- *Abraham Lincoln.*

Hell is Truth seen too late. -- *John Locke.*

Luxury is more ruthless than war. -- *Juvenal, Roman statesman.*

C U T A N D T H R U S T

NOEL HUNT offers candid comment on news from home and abroad

THE Chancellor of the Exchequer loses no chance of expressing his determination to reduce "the public sector borrowing requirement". The intention, be it noted, is merely to borrow less, not to live within our means without borrowing. No politician has dared to suggest we do this; there are few votes to be won by the promise of frugal living.

One very large and obvious saving could be made by a moratorium on the payment of interest on the National Debt [better still, rescind it! - Editor]. This would save millions annually. However, since the Money Power controls all parties behind the scenes, it would never allow its tribute of usury to be reduced in this way. Other huge savings could be made by cancelling all payments to those evil, crooked and useless organisations, the United Nations and the European Community. It is freely admitted, for instance, that about one quarter of all payments made to the E.C. Treasury are stolen or paid out fraudulently. If the kleptocracies of Brussels wish to continue their time-honoured practices, they are at perfect liberty to do so - but without our money.

Still attempting to lighten the taxpayers' burden, we should cease all payments of "foreign aid" and sack all officials concerned in administering the system. These few measures alone would improve dramatically the financial position of every family in Britain. But how to do it? That is the problem. We can be certain of no salvation from the establishment political parties.

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WE are told that at the end of the last financial year the National Debt stood at £167.9 billion sterling. Let us suppose that our friendly international usurers charged us only five per cent interest on this amount. They charged very much more, in fact, but five per cent will enable us to make our point. This means that we and our children and unborn grandchildren must pay to the bankers about £33.5 million just to service this debt. Note that payment of this enormous sum will not reduce the capital debt by one penny - we are talking only of interest on borrowed money.

In spite of this noble talk about living within our means, we are told, almost as an aside, that in this financial year the National Debt will grow to £204 billion. Interest starts to run at the moment when, by a stroke of the pen, this vast sum is created by the usurers out of nothing. Interest on this year's National Debt will amount to £408 million. Once again, payment of the huge sum will not reduce the capital sum - it will merely meet the interest charges. For centuries it has been true that the borrower is the slave of the lender. We taxpayers are the borrowers; the lenders are the international bankers. Yet millions of unthinking people believe that Britain is ruled by Westminster and the European Community by Brussels. O sancta simplicitas.

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THE brother of the murdered Alison Mainwaring has called for a referendum on capital punishment after his sister's butcher was sentenced to 25 years imprisonment. In his view, the sentence was not long enough.

Many will agree. Others will take the view that the cost of keeping a worthless dreg like her killer in gaol for so long is too heavy a burden on the taxpayer, and that he should be executed. It is difficult to imagine a better example of barking up the wrong tree than this call for a referendum on the return of the death penalty. Our unseen rulers simply will not allow it. At best, if the agitation grows really widespread, we could be allowed a Parliamentary debate, in which the politicians show off their impeccably liberal views and spout vast amounts of cant and hypocrisy. At the end of the debate, there is a "free vote" and the motion is lost.

It is well known that at least 80 per cent of the British people strongly support the return of the death penalty. But even if every voter opted for the return of the noose, it would make not the slightest difference. The reason is simple: European Community law knows no death penalty. This law supersedes the law of our land. Hence, even if everyone in this country voted every day for a week to bring back the noose, nothing would change. Any court which dared to pass a death sentence would simply be over-ruled on appeal.

For years politicians and pundits united in assuring us that we could be members of the E.C. without sacrificing our national sovereignty. This was a blatant lie, and they knew it. Yet what is surprising, and what makes one despair of democracy, is that so many still believe that by casting a vote, whether in an election or a referendum, they can influence matters in the slightest. Mr Mainwaring is one of these deluded believers in the value of the vote in today's England.

MASS-TRICKED INTO UNION

VIOLET MacINNES reviews a new exposure of the Maastricht plot

Maastricht. We have all heard more than enough of it. Mention the name to anyone and you are likely to get a mere shrug of the shoulders or even a few choice words; and the pity of it all is that we do not get the full details but only the rough outline from the government, with dire consequences if we do not sign on the dotted line. There are members of Parliament who admit that they do not know nearly enough because they cannot make head nor tail of it themselves but they are willing to dash headlong into this quagmire of rules and regulations like lemmings, taking the British people with them.

This is where Jack Obdam's book *The Rape of Britannia* comes in. It is packed full of wisdom and caution. In this small book he takes us through the events leading up to it, and the crooked ways of thinking by those who are supposed to look after our interests. It is a book that should be required reading for all British subjects, spelling out as it does all the sordid wheeling and dealing that went on to ensnare us, and while it does not cover Maastricht specifically, its covering of all that went before draws us inevitably to Maastricht since that Treaty is the culmination of the original idea of the EEC, sold to us as a purely economic treaty. Now the wolf has thrown off his sheep's clothing.

Jack Obdam divides his book into two sections, political and economic. He very sensibly deals with the political issues first as these are the ones that will affect our whole lives for evermore . . . those of our children and our children's children.

Chapter One is preceded by a quote from Benjamin Disraeli. "There is no act of treachery or meanness of which a political party is not capable. For in politics, there is no honour". And he should know! This is borne out by the way the pro-Marketeers have twisted and hedged about any discussion on the matter, starting with Peter Thorneycroft, now Lord Thorneycroft, who wrote in 1947 a pamphlet called *Design for Europe* in which he states ". . . . no government dependent upon a democratic vote could possibly agree in advance to the sacrifices any adequate plan must involve. THE PEOPLE MUST BE LED SLOWLY AND UNCONSCIOUSLY INTO THE ABANDONMENT OF THEIR TRADITIONAL ECONOMIC DEFENCES, NOT ASKED IN ADVANCE OF HAVING RECEIVED ANY OF THE BENEFITS WHICH WILL ACCRUE TO THEM FROM THE PLAN . . . ." (our emphasis). There is more in the same vein but that is sufficient to show the thinking of one Member of Parliament, and that in fact it had always been the intention of the British Government to tie us into Europe one day.

The Treaty of Rome includes Articles dealing with the political plans but they had of necessity been kept under cover, so to speak, (witness Disraeli's quote) but the end result of the Treaty was political union and Maastricht is it. Edward Heath said in Parliament in November 1966 ". . . . we should frankly recognise this surrender of sovereignty and its purpose . . . ." We should also recognise that sovereignty once lost or given up, cannot be regained. We cannot come back a year or two later and say "we have tried it and don't like it so can we have our sovereignty back". Once gone it is gone for ever. One can only speculate on what may be in it for Edward Heath, Lord Thorneycroft and the rest of the pro-Market jamboree that is more important than the sovereignty of their own country.

Turning to the economic situation, Mr Obdam has some very pithy points to make. Although the entry of Britain to the EEC, as it was called at that time, was based and sold to us on purely economic grounds, the truth was still kept from us. The sheer extravagance of it was quietly hushed up. Did you know, for instance, that all directives of the Commissioners and MEPs are translated into 7 languages at a cost of £10.00 per word? One example will suffice to show what that means. There are 26,911 words in an EC declaration on the export of duck eggs. That is £1,883,770 for ONE piece of legislation. There is more in the same vein. To say the mind boggles is to make an understatement *par excellence*.

Fraud in the EC. We hear plenty about that and Jack Obdam covers that too, in detail. To be fair, the EC employs people to track down those swindling the EC, while companies employ people to seek out ways in which their company can do just that. There is a Court of Auditors who do the best they can but you have to be up early in the morning to catch them. On one occasion, they found a German grain ship unloading wheat from the stern, passing it on conveyor belts through a silo and reloading it in the bow, thus being paid twice for the same load.

Mr Obdam tells us that he had a conversation with a Dutch minister in 1969 when he and other EEC ministers were trying to get Britain into the Market. The Dutch minister was enlarging on the faults of Britain and her people: we were lazy, we were finished as a nation and so on. When asked why it was that they were all anxious to have us join he blandly said that there was still plenty of money in Britain. So there you have it. Willi Brandt was of the same opinion. In 1971 he told the Six that it was now or never, for they needed the extra cash that our joining would bring.

One could go on and on but you really should read the book yourself. It may not be on the shelves of your bookstore but you can ask for it, the number is ISBN1 872795 80 3. (Pentland Press, publishers). Happy reading!!

OPEN LETTER TO SIR TEDDY TAYLOR M.P.

SIR - I would like to thank you very much for your letter of 7th January, particularly as you are the only Member of Parliament and of the House of Lords to have read my letter before answering, which will partially answer your question as to why I had not contacted my local M.P.

As you must know already, the electorate are looking for someone who represents their interests and those of the British people, by which I mean Angles, Saxons and Celts. These people have been swept under the carpet for too long and they are tired of reading about housing schemes for ethnic minorities only, about migrants arriving here and being granted council houses and pensions, or even realigned toilets that face Meeca! They are tired, too, of John Major and his subservience to international bankers. There is an ever increasing feeling arising that says, "We don't want Major and we don't want Maastricht. We want the former out, and we want to remove ourselves from the wretched E.C."

I voted "no" on the telephone poll promoted by Margaret Thatcher and I have signed a "No to Maastricht" petition. But that is as far as I am prepared to go in this form of action that is nothing more than a safety-valve. The fact of the matter is that the genuine voice of the British people will never be listened to by a traitorous Parliament whose aim is to dis-allow a referendum unless it can manipulate a "yes" vote and to keep secret the full implications of the Maastricht Treaty. "England could never bre ruined but by a Parliament," prophesied the Lord Treasurer Burleigh, first Minister of Elizabeth I. I do not hold a very high opinion of a Prime Minister nowadays who takes an Oath of Allegiance to the Crown while working to dissolve such an institution.

I voted Conservative at the last General Election in order to keep the idiot opposition out, realising that George Orwell foresaw all this in **Animal Farm** over forty years ago. I voted Conservative with no illusions as there were no better candidates standing locally. However, I will not waste time in future but will join the long queue for membership of the British National Party. It appears that the British phlegmatic factor is wearing a bit thin. Media lies are no longer accepted, any more than those anodyne answers from Members of Parliament, yourself excluded.

BERNARD FAULKNER [Whitstable, Kent]

Have YOU written a snorter to your M.P. lately? If so, send us a copy and we will publish the best ones in our next issue.

HOME TRUTHS ON E.C. MEMBERSHIP

"BRITAIN has not exactly prospered as a member of the Community. There is no evidence we will do better in a fully federated Europe. By merging with the Continent we would lose many things dear and useful to us: our Parliament, our legal system, possibly our Crown. Our experience of regulation by Brussels so far is brutally discouraging. There is a well-grounded fear that, by merging our institutions, we will ourselves be infected by the ubiquitous public and private corruption that now seems endemic across the Channel. Above all, for Britain to make federalism work for her, we need to be enthusiastic. But there is absolutely no stomach for it here. On the contrary: there is doubt, hesitation and dismay." [**Sunday Telegraph**, 14 March 1993]

AN EYE FOR THE TRUTH?

"HOW much has the taxpayer shelled out in the last ten years to merchant bankers N.M. Rothschild for acting as underwriters or advisers on government privatisations? It is a reasonable question to ask in view of the quite extraordinary number of privatisation troughs that Rothschild has got its snout into: British Telecom, Britoil, British Gas, Royal Ordnance, British Airways, Rolls Royce, British Airports Authority, B.P., British Steel, water, regional electricity, Northern Ireland electricity, British Coal...the list goes on and on.

However, when the question was asked recently by Labour M.P. Alan Rogers, no less a person than the Prime Minister replied: 'The fees paid are a matter of commercial confidentiality.' The fees are paid by the Treasury, which is presided over by the Chancellor, Norman Lamont, and the Economic Secretary, Anthony Nelson, both of whom learnt what little they know of high finance at the merchant bank which used to employ them: er, N.M. Rothschild."

[**Private Eye**, 23 April 1993]

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THE MAD, MAD, MAD WORLD OF "POLITICAL CORRECTNESS"

POSTERS telling people how to use their black bin bags have been ripped down in a race row in Bristol, where a council employee objected to the words "Black: dirty waste". Now the posters in all the council's buildings have been replaced, at public expense, with new ones saying "Black bags: general waste". Meanwhile, militant vegans, who shun all animal produce, have taken to the warpath over one of the oldest traditions in English schools - the egg and spoon race. Claiming it perpetuates systematic cruelty to chickens because the eggs have to be hard-boiled, they have called for clay or rubber eggs to be used instead!

Finally, if you ever describe yourself as British up Leeds Polytechnic way, you will stand accused of being a "racist-colonialist". Business studies academics there have issued guidelines to students about words to avoid in their dissertations. "Civilised" and "primitive" are to be replaced with "industrialised" and "non-industrial", while a "man in the street" must become "people in general". Apparently, the students most confused by such twaddle are the overseas ones with whom the lefties are seeking to ingratiate themselves!

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